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UPDATE ON CIA EXPANSION PLANS

Dear Friend:

I want to bring you up-to-date on several developments since my report to you several months ago concerning plans to expand the CIA facility. As you will recall, the CIA hosted a meeting last summer with area residents to discuss the impact of the agency's planned expansion on the community due to the 1,000 additional automobiles expected to use area roads to reach the agency.

As you may know, because of the community's wishes to be included in the CIA expansion traffic planning process, the CIA established a Traffic Advisory Committee following the public meeting. The committee was formed to address concerns related to traffic projections and to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the subsequent engineering plans associated with the expansion. This committee -- which includes McLean area citizens and representatives of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, the U.S. Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission, Fairfax County, and the CIA -- has been meeting regularly since last summer and has set a timetable for roadway improvement plans. Two members of my staff also attend the Advisory Committee meetings.

After conducting a survey last April which analyzed traffic flow on area roads, the State of Virginia let a contract last October to begin planning for the roadway improvements around the CIA. The following developments have occurred since then or are planned:

- The highway planning contractors have identified for the Advisory Committee the interchanges, access points and roads where expansion-related problems can be expected to occur due to the anticipated additional traffic.
- The Advisory Committee has reviewed the contractor's identification of these problem areas.
- The contractor has developed various design alternatives to be presented to the Advisory Committee soon. These alternatives will assess a range of possible improvements at the various interchanges to accommodate the additional 1,000 cars.

- The Advisory Committee will consider the full set of alternatives presented by the contractor, and recommend the best solution to Mr. Harry Fitzwater, CIA Deputy Director for Administration.
- The CIA will conduct a public meeting this spring to obtain citizen comment on the proposal.
- It is projected that Mr. Fitzwater with the concurrence of the State of Virginia will make a final decision on the Advisory Committee recommendation following the public meeting.
- The contractor will begin shortly thereafter to produce actual construction plans, based on the final decision.

I am pleased to report to you that the CIA has agreed to consider analyses and concept designs for roadway improvements to include incorporating the George Washington Memorial Parkway entrance in an effort to encourage a net reduction in CIA traffic using the Route 123 entrance. I agree with the views expressed by many of the citizens at last summer's meeting that the Parkway must be fully evaluated, with appropriate environmental considerations, as to its ability to handle a greater percentage of the traffic.

Another measure to reduce traffic congestion under study at the CIA is to station the Visitors' Center at the Parkway entrance instead of at the Route 123 gate. The CIA is also evaluating, and plans to experiment with, a variety of systems of traffic control, such as color-coded entry passes to regulate access to entrances. I am pleased that the CIA has these various concepts under consideration.

I will continue to work with area citizens to monitor plans for the CIA expansion and hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely

Frank R. Wolf

Member of Congress